

Appl. No. 09/745,385

Reply to Non-Final OA dated May 19, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-30, 32-34, 38-43, and 45-47 were originally pending.

The Action at page 6 indicates that the previous allowability of claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 17, 20, 26, 29, 30, and 47 was withdrawn after further consideration of the art (e.g., the Klingman reference). The Action also indicates that pending claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13-15, 18, 19, 22-24, 32-34, 38-43, 45, and 46 are presently allowed, and that claims 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of these indications, claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 26, and 47 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 27 through 30 were amended. Claims 27 and 28 were amended to include all the limitations of their respective base claim (i.e., canceled claim 26). Claims 29 and 30, which originally depended from canceled claim 26, were amended to respectively depend from currently amended claim 27. No claims have been added. In view of these claim amendments, claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-24, 27-30, 32-34, 38-43, 45, and 46 remain pending.

Conclusion

Applicant thanks the Office for examining this application. Applicant respectfully submits that the described claim amendments place this application into condition for allowance; action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office action.

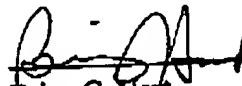
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